## LAND BOARD AGENDA ITEM February 19, 2008

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE Department of Labor and Industry Sale of Lot in Billings, MT under Section 77-2-321

**Proposal:** Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) proposes to sell property in Billings, MT at public auction under authority of Section 77-2-301, 302 & 321. The property is within the Billings urban area.

**Location:** Corner of North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Billings.

**Legal:** The lot is legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 285 of the Billings Original Townsite, First Addition. The lot is approximately 7,000 square feet in size.

**Background:** The lot is no longer needed for overflow parking at the DLI office two blocks away. It is currently paved with asphalt.

The property was appraised for \$32,000 by an independent appraiser in January 2008.

**Process:** An EA checklist was completed in January 2008 with a finding of no significant impact by categorical exclusion. A 30 day comment period resulted in no comments from the public.

Upon approval by the Board, DLI will publish a Public Notice with the details of the sale and auction process in an area newspaper.

Beneficiary: This is not trust land but land owned by DLI.

**Agency Recommendation:** DLI requests approval of the sale at public auction with a recommended minimum bid of \$32,000. If the property sells for at least the minimum bid, DLI requests approval to proceed with consummating the sale within 30-60 days from the date of the auction.

## Department of Labor and Industry Sale Parcel Billings, MT

